

Amendment and Response to November 3, 2004 Office Action
Application No. 09/526,606
Docket No. 3499-59

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 40, 48-49, 51-55. Claims 41-47 and 50 are now pending. No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's hard work on this application and indication of allowable subject matter in claims 41-47 and 50.

The Examiner has rejected claims 40, 48-49 and 51-55 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boesch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,205,433) in view of Potter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,787,402). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection. However, in the interest of furthering the prosecution of the allowable claims, Applicants have cancelled all claims that have not been allowed. Applicants respectfully retain the right to pursue identical claims, or claims of similar content in subsequent applications claiming priority to the present application.

A. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has allowed claims 41-47 and 50. The Applicants have cancelled all other pending claims and properly labeled the allowed pending claims. Only claims allowed by the Examiner are currently pending. The Applicants therefore respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for claims 41-47 and 50.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, allowance of this application, as amended, is courteously urged.

The Commissioner is hereby authroized to charge any fees or credit any payments to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

Respectfully submitted,

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